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SM-HELLAS COULD BE THE FIRST TEAM TO BEAT GEORGE CROSS FOR SEASON '62

By MORRIE BUCKNER

George Cross, the only undefeated team in the State League, will be battling to keep its slate clean when it meets "dark horse" Sth. Melbourne-



GTV9 SOCCER IS SAFE

Tongues have wagged furiously since last Sunday's soccer segment on GTV9, when what appeared to be some "hot" lines were exchanged by Tony Charlton and Alex Barr on camera.

Viewers felt that the friendly "feud" against Aussie Rules, which Alex Barr had been using to gain notice for soccer, had gone a little too far and that this valuable few minutes might be lost.

Soccer Weekly has been told by GTV9 officials that the "feud" will be killed off to avoid the possibility of accidental repercussions, and that the soccer segment will be retained.

There is little doubt that the resourceful Alex Barr will find other ways of keeping the segment full of interest for viewers.

• See "Pick of the Post" — Page 6.

SLAVIA'S SCOUT

Mr Albert Balish, a former VASFA Counsellor, has been appointed chief talent scout for Slavia Soccer Club.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! George Cross centre-forward Marshall Gibb (left) had netted a hat-trick at Olympic Park on Sunday. Gibb helped the Cross humiliate Melbourne 5-1 in an exciting State League match. Here he runs through with the ball at his feet, while Melbourne centre-half Tibby Beesly intercepts.

George Cross player Joe Falzon is on the right of the picture. This was one of the many shots Soccer Weekly photographer Uwe Kuessner took at the Park during the weekend.

Any reader interested in copies of these pictures should contact our photographer at 10 Dudley Parade, Canterbury.

GOALS GALORE FOR THE CROSS

By MORRIE BUCKNER

Before last Sunday's George Cross-Melbourne fixture at Olympic Park, Soccer Weekly said:

"Even without Horst Zielinski, who is out with a fractured leg, George Cross has put together one of its best-ever scoring combinations in Lolly Vella, Pepe Cubero, Marshall Gibb, Don Hodgson, and Bill Copeland.

"That line-up is full of experience and goals, the ability to test the toughest defence, and the knack of giving the spectators their full four-bob's worth of entertainment."

This was proven correct on Sunday when, against

Melbourne's rugged and determined defence, George Cross scored five good goals.

They did this in spite of the fact that Pepe Cubero and Joe Falzon received ankle injuries in the first half and could not play flat out for the rest of the game.

And in spite of the fact that sharpshooter Don Hodgson spent more time carrying out the duties of a fourth full-back than a forward.

Star of the match was Marshall Gibb. He not only scored three goals — two smart headers and a clever chip over the head of the advancing goalie — but his shrewd distribution

made many other chances for his team-mates.

As usual, Copeland and Vella, backed up by Cubero, Joey Falzon, and Pat McKenna, should be kept regular full-backs Kaligeros and Mantarakes, as well as fourth

full-back Ieremiades, busy enough to see that Gibb gets his opportunities.

At the other end, the speed and experience of Fred Falzon, Eddie Sacco, and Vince Muscat should counteract the fast-moving Tsolakis, Smith and Bedford as well as the quick-thinking Hatzeleftheriou.

Last but not least, Hobson is expected to be between the sticks for George Cross.

• Turn to Page 3 for other State League reviews.

EXPENSIVE INJURY?

The 12 minutes that Edmund Zintara, the Polish international, played for Polonia two weeks ago could prove very expensive.

In that short time he sustained a bad injury and had to leave the ground.

The Polonia player looks like being out for six or seven weeks and Polonia, who urgently need a replacement for Janzic, last year's skipper, could use an experienced "general" in the half-back line.

HELLAS IMPORT 2 NEW STARS

Following last week's news of four new players for J.U.S.T., SM-Hellas announce that they are also importing two new stars.

They are Kambouropoulos, from champion club Olympia-Kos and Papoutsakis, a centre-forward from another Greek 1st division club.

Hellas are going great guns at the moment and these two additions should make them a real prospect for top honors this season.

Now the State League giants do battle

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He told Soccer Weekly yesterday: "It is easy to flood Melbourne with soccer posters, but I'm looking for good spots where they will be seen and not torn down or damaged by weather."

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WHERE WERE THE SCORERS?

Polonia officials and players should not be too disappointed about that disputed goal at Elsternwick Park on Saturday.

In a goal mouth scramble the referee ruled that Juventus' second goal had crossed the line. Polonia players screamed "No!"

Rather than blame this for their loss of points, why not get some forwards who can shoot?

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Bigotry must be opposed

By MORRIE BUCKNER

In last week's issue of **SOCER WEEKLY**, Don Sutherland penned an item in his column about the stir caused in soccer circles a couple of weeks ago by a foolish bit of slander printed in **TRUTH**.

TRUTH called soccer "a menace," and stooped to downright misinformation by saying that soccer had grabbed grounds belonging to the Victorian Football Association, and was actually trying to get the Fitzroy Football Club tossed out of its ground.

Don wrote that, in his opinion, we should ignore such attacks. He said that we must expect malicious criticism from people who don't really represent a majority of the mind-minded public.

But if **TRUTH**, or any other "minority representative," is allowed to get away with malicious, unwarranted attacks, sooner or later they will have behind them a powerful majority of people who have swallowed their dangerous propaganda.

Back in 1957, **TRUTH** started a vicious smear campaign against soccer. It began when the Hawthorn City Council granted Wilhelmina the use of McDonald Reserve. It demanded to know when the Hawthorn City Council was going to "hand back the parkland grabbed from the ratepayers."

TRUTH was not challenged on that occasion. Two weeks later, it reopened its vicious campaign, this time about the little bit of Murphy Reserve leased to Slavia by the Port Melbourne City Council.

Under a screaming headline about a "land grab scandal," **TRUTH** proudly said that it had "uncovered

another scandalous land grab by a soccer club in cahoots with a municipal council."

This time, I was given permission to act. I wrote an article which contained 11 questions, took it to the editor of **TRUTH**, and asked him to publish the article, the questions, and his answers to the questions.

But **TRUTH** knew that if it answered the questions truthfully, it would be forced to admit the fact that 20 odd football grounds, several racecourses, and a hundred or more bowling and tennis clubs were on Crown lands, the property of the ratepayers!

Soccer - following ratepayers own these football grounds and racecourses just as surely as they are owned by the rest of the ratepaying public.

But without a squeal or a murmur from **TRUTH**, these hundreds of acres of public parkland are locked securely to keep the public out, except by payment of a fee at the gate on days that a sporting event is in progress.

I have never pretended that this is wrong. In fact, I said then, and I repeat

that a soccer writer!

Here's another example.

Seven years ago, Hakoah

now, that it's right! These grounds must be developed, protected from vandalism, and maintained for the best use of the public.

So they must be kept closed when not in use, and the public must be charged a small fee at the gate to provide funds for the proper maintenance of the enclosure.

Again I say that this is practical and right. But, if it's right for Aussie Rules, and racing, and cricket, and bowls, and tennis, why in the name of heaven should it be wrong for soccer?

TOO HOT?

Well, **TRUTH**'s editor read the questions and apparently decided that they were too hot to handle. **TRUTH** never published them.

BUT FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND RIGHT UP UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO, **TRUTH** NEVER UTTERED A WORD AGAINST SOC-CER!

What is more, since **TRUTH** was challenged on its last outburst, it has appointed a soccer writer!

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was challenged on its last outburst, it has appointed a soccer writer!

It must be fought, and stopped, before the unfortunate victim of its propaganda is destroyed!



BURNLEY, defeated F.A. Cup finalists and League runners-up to Ipswich, are something of a marvel lot. The town, situated amid mills, pits and moorland, has a population of under 100,000, but their scant support is offset by the fact that they have bought only two players in the past 12 years.

In 1950 they paid Irish club Glentoran £7000 for inside-forward McIlroy and eight years later they went back and got full-back Elder from the same club at the bargain price of £2000.

THREE goals by the great Ferenc Puskas was not enough to win the European Cup for Real Madrid. Beneficia, of Portugal, ran out winners 5-3 and thereby won the trophy for the second successive year. Real Madrid have won the European Cup five times in its seven-year existence.

PETER DOCHERTY, the famous Irish international inside-forward who has been managing the Emerald Isle's national team, is to resign the post. He will be succeeded by Bertie Peacock, another international who was formerly with Celtic.

ITALIAN referees are not too happy about the continued importation of outside whistlers from France, Austria and Yugoslavia, who are brought to Italy to control "needle matches".

They recently issued an ultimatum to the Italian League — "play the game" or we won't referee at all.

CANADA has formed its first professional league, but they aren't too happy about their immediate prospects. Last year Canadian clubs had the temporary services of many British stars (including Stanley Mat-

thews), but for their summer league this year the English Football League say "no dice".

No British players will be permitted to transfer temporarily to Canadian or any other overseas clubs.

— JIM COOK.

HERE'S HOW TO WIN THE POOLS

Australia is taking its soccer seriously. The standard of play improves with every season and the increase in the number of teams suggests that the authorities who control the game are gradually producing leagues which are much less one-sided.

Indeed, the time is not far off when draws will be forecast with much greater degree of confidence.

MORE DRAWS

Our policy for the present must be to concentrate on the leagues which are settling down more quickly than others and are producing better football.

Last season, the First Division of the NSW Federation matches — an average of about one draw in every five matches, which is just about the average for English football.

The Victoria State League was a close second with 23 draws in 132 matches, but the average for the other divisions was only about one draw in every seven or eight matches.

NEXT BEST

The best of the other divisions, on last season's results, were Second Division of the NSW Federation, the NSW Association (Division 1), Queensland Division 1, Sutherland 1 and St. Kilda 1.

The best drawing teams were Blacktown (7 draws), Hakoah NSW, Auburn and University (6 each), Sutherland, Bundamba, St. Kilda, Melbourne, Slavia (Vi-

cchia), Canterbury 2, Nunawading 2, Auburn 2, Penrith 1, Yatala 1,

Try this!

Here is an opportunity for you to test your skill at forecasting results of the Victorian Soccer Federation games for next weekend.

Tune to "Soccer Half Hour" on 3KZ at 6.15 p.m. every Saturday for all the official results. Space has been provided here for you to take them down as they are read in the following order:

STATE LEAGUE

Hakoah v Juventus ()
George Cross v S.M.-Hellas ()
Slavia v Melbourne ()
Moreland v J.U.S.T. ()
Polonia v Lions ()
Wilhelmina v Croat ()

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah Juventus ()
George Cross v S.M.-Hellas ()
Slavia v Melbourne ()
Moreland v J.U.S.T. ()
Polonia v Lions ()
Wilhelmina v Croat ()

FIRST NORTH

Dix Hill v University ()
Collingwood v Heidelberg ()
Fiorentina v Maccabi ()
Moonee Ponds v Croatia ()
Corio v Sunshine City ()
Alexander v Sicilia ()

FIRST SOUTH

Austria v Richmond ()
Brighton v Dandenong ()
Oakleigh v Yallourn ()
Trident v Makedonia ()
Ferntree Gully v Sandringham ()
Bayswater v Geelong ()

SECOND NORTH

Essendon v I.C.I. ()
N/Olympia v Commonwealth Banks ()
Libertas v Seymour ()
St. Albans v Williamstown ()
Bendigo v Fairfield ()
W.W.F. v Coburg ()

SECOND SOUTH

Ringwood v Croydon ()
F.N.D. v Rosebud ()
Moorabbin v Park Rangers ()
Frankston v South Yarra ()
Sunshine Heights v Essendon ()
Frahran v Triestina ()

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Frankston v Makedonia ()
Ferntree Gully v Sandringham ()
Bayswater v Geelong ()

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

Ringwood v Geelong Scottish ()
Azzurri v Springvale ()
Moorabbin v Park Rangers ()
Brunswick v South Yarra ()
Ballarat v Ajax ()
Frahran v Bell Park ()

WORLD RESULTS AND TABLES

Internationals: Sweden 9.3; Crystal Palace London 3, Real Madrid 2 (Stockholm); Hungary 1; Antwerp tournament: Antwerp (Belgium) 1; Bayern Munich 1; Borussia (Kung.) 1, Vienna 0; final, Dover 1, Bayern 0.

Bruges (Belgium) 1; Admira 1, Bruges 1; Admira 1, FC Bruges 0; Munich 2, Lokomotive Berlin 2; Admira 1, Bruges 1; Admira 1, Seifa 1.

HOW THEY STAND

France: Reims 46, Nimes 45, Racing 42, Monaco 41, Sedan 41, Nancy 40.

Germany (play-offs for Federation championship): 1. Nurnberg 2, Berlin 1; Schalke 3, Neunkirchen 2; FC Schalke 3, Eintracht 1; Hamburg 6, Friburg 3.

Holland: Feyenoord 48, Eindhoven 43, Bl. Wit 35, Ajax 36, Brede 34, Maastricht 33, AZ Alkmaar 32, Inter 48, Fiorentina 46, Bologna 45, AS Roma 44, Atalanta 38.

Portugal (cup quarter-finals): Benfica 3, Porto 1; Belenenses 2, Santa Clara 1; Academico 6, Guimaraes 1.

Spain: (cup quarter-finals), in brackets: results of first leg: Real Madrid 3, CF Barcelona 1 (0:1); Zaragoza 3, Espanyol 1 (1:1); Sevilla 0, Tenerife 0 (0:2); Valencia 1, Bilbao 0 (2:2); Sociedad 1, final after World Cup.

Switzerland: Servette 36, Lausanne 31, Ch. de Fonds 30, Grasshoppers 38, YB Berne 29, Lucerne 1.

Yugoslavia: Partizan 29, Red Star 24, Vojvodina 24, Dinamo 22, Sarajevo 21, Hajduk 21.

WORLD RESULT

Tottenham Hotspurs 3, Burnley 1, English Cup Final, London, May 3.

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ZOOM LENS

ON THE STATE LEAGUE

By DUNCAN McDougall

OUT IN THE Melbourne environs, where all the best games are played, the result of this week's round, if all goes to form, should set up an interesting position in the State League.

Of the four matches listed, my do-it-yourself selection method predicts home wins to three clubs, with Moreland the odd man out.

Four of the five top teams killing each other off could leave the door open for Wilhelmina, Polonia or even Croat to take a seat at the top four table.

SLAVIA v MELBOURNE

Last week's results left both teams in the same league position and still in the bottom four, with the separation of a single point.

Slavia's defence is far superior to that of the Hungarians, a fact that will clinch the points for the Port Melbourne team this week.

Very few forward lines, such as Slavia's, get such an overall consistent supply line of reasonable passes, and yet make such an atrocious finishing job with their ill-timed shooting.

Billy Cook, with his erratic displays, is not the best of centres, but when in the first team, at least you know he's around, an attitude that requires defensive vigilance.

Haasz was last year's sharpshooter, but either he too has lost confidence or else thinks all he has to do is hit the ball and it's a goal.

Angstenberger is the forward's live wire, but even his smart dummies are wasted on left-winger David, who was all out of position when the act was on.

Slavia will relish Melbourne's neat style of play, as Berry and Co. thrive on breaking up close rank attacks, with the play being carried to them all the time.

Finesse of all description should be forgotten by Melbourne in this game, especially the midfield pretty stuff that goes astray just short of the goal.

There doesn't appear to be anyone in the team capable of altering — by example — their stereo-

typed play to suit the conditions or combat the superior tactics of the opposition.

It's a creditable aim to play good football, although sometimes hopeless target, in face of the opposition's more direct, even if sometimes cruder, methods of taking the goals and so the points.

Jacky Garrett as an inside-forward — with Brighton was a prolific scorer, and a shift to the forward line might make all the difference. Even if his presence is missed at wing-half, his more streamlined methods at inside would offset any loss in production.

Unless Melbourne change style — a close win to Slavia.

POLONIA x LIONS

Polonia will have no trouble winning this game at the speedway. But by what degree of difficulty they manage it will be entirely up to themselves.

Six goals bumped into their net during the last two matches, was, up to this season, an unusual occurrence for the Polish side.

The loss of star players has affected the all-round play and unbalanced the side. But apart from that, the complete lack of reserve power is making itself more apparent each week. The fact that Capobus, although an always reliable veteran, was brought on as a replacement last week indicates a shortage of first team reserves, as their position in that league shows.

The experienced captaincy of Jancyk is sadly missed from the half-line, where goalkeeper Gronowski's water polo throws, by way of clearances, to the wing-halves would not have met with approval.

R. Gronowski has shown much improved form and with Ruetter forms the best duo in the Polish attack.

Between them they should cause enough trouble in the Lions' defence to allow someone the chance of scoring much needed goals.

MORELAND ... SO DEEP IN THE DOLDRUMS

There is little that can be said by way of criticism or constructive suggestion to a Moreland team so deep in the doldrums.

The consolation they can take on the field with them this week is the fact that at least against this "new" J.U.S.T., whatever standard of soccer they can produce, Moreland will be allowed to play it unhindered by this happy Yugoslav eleven.

Frank Micic obviously enjoys each minute of the games, win or lose, and this commendable disease seems to have contagiously spread to his team-mates.

Although only two points to the rear of the leaders, the Yugoslavs are not the force they may believe themselves to be, and last week against a mediocre Slavia, three struggling goals was a flattering result.

There is ample scope for all-round improvement. The J.U.S.T. deficiencies will be less obvious with Moreland in opposition, but it's high time Morrison was included in the line-up, even if only to clear up these goalmouth misunderstandings, which one week will be costly.

There can be little hope for Moreland, even with J.U.S.T. at their worst, which could be quite, possibly.

Marinovic is too elusive and speedy for Moreland's backs, and with Vollman gaining form as he loses weight, his combining with newcomer Jan Der Poel will account for the goals eventually.

J.U.S.T. to win, but with their usual struggle when playing a lower bracket side.

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WILHELMINA v CROAT

This week's top of the bill on the suburban "circuit" will be the clash of the "middle class" teams Wilhelmina and Croat on the "little Holland half-acre", Ringwood.

Whatever excuses visiting teams proffer for defeat on this first class addition to Victorian soccer, none of them, I hope, will be unreasonable enough to blame the ground.

With a playing surface superior to that of Olympic Park, the conditions should be ideal for this new Croat combination to exploit their obvious preference for a mid-Euro-

effective on both sides, with Hartley "spoiling" Margarites and Jeremiades smothering Villers.

After scoring 12 goals and conceding two against Croat, Polonia, and Hakoah in successive weeks, Hellas is now in second place with the impressive reading of 64-0-2-5-5-2.

In the first half last Saturday, nearly 7000 fans saw even play with the scoreboard showing 1-1 at half-time.

The fourth fullback was

effective on both sides, with Hartley "spoiling" Margarites and Jeremiades smothering Villers.

But in the 15th minute,

Thomas received a pass from Hartley near the half-way line, and beat Mantarakes and Penzo with an angled shot that was helped in by the left upright.

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Hakoah centre-forward Villers dropped back to midfield after the interval to get more room, and Thomas moved towards the centre, leaving Haynes on the right wing.

No Understanding

If Croat adopt this close passing game, the Wilhelmina team will certainly not relish the move. Having the play carried right up to their doorstep, without an opportunity to intercept a long inaccurate pass, could trouble the not-so-fast Wilhelmina rearguard.

Equal on points, there is only a fraction concerned between the goal averages, with the Dutchmen slightly ahead. However, to a newly promoted side, a winning margin and two points at the game's end is more important than a well-balanced goal tally.

Croat are a determined, defensive team, and given an early goal hang on at all costs, and with all methods, to the advantage.

The eight goals Croat have in the "against" column is somewhat deceptive of their real form, considering six of these goals were lost in one game at Middle Park with Hakoah. So two goals lost in the other five games, with a "shut-out" for the past fortnight, is a feature worthy of note to all opposition.

Wilhelmina gave a miserable display last week to only just beat a luckless Moreland. A performance that will not be confidence inspiring to any section of the team, particularly the forwards, where akin to other State league forward lines Wilhelmina lack a man with a decisive "boot" on him at the right moment.

Beerendonk can be a match-winner at times and it's puzzling why, when things are tough, this right-winger, who can really crack them, doesn't receive a "roving commission" for a goal-scoring trip.

De Bruckere, if played, will not find this game to his liking. The Croat defence is rugged, and, if at centre-half, Silvar lets nothing pass, including the referee!

The Croat wing-halves are equal in ball play and distribution, with Sal outstanding, to that of the Dutch half-line, where Storiman provides tirelessly.

Then there's that human Sherman tank at right back, Wally Patterson!

Barbazz's injured wrist may have improved enough by Sunday to get him back into the side, and young Rajenkowski, who starred against Polonia, may be given another chance in the forward-line.

The final result will be

close, with the outcome a draw or a narrowest of wins to the home team.

Again, Hatzeltheriou beat Manning to the ball, and dived full stretch to head in the winning goal.

Best for Hellas: Kaligeros, Mantarakes, Pappadopoulos, Tsolakis and Margarites. Hakoah: Alexander, Adams, Woodward, Hartley and Thomas.



John Margarites, SHL Hellas inside right, who i leading The Sporting Gt Soccer Award with .15 vote

Soccer Weekly team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select as many as three players from one match or none.

Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work, IN FACT, THE ALL-ROUND CLUB PLAYER IS THE MAN THAT IS WORTHY OF A POSITION IN THE SOCCER WEEKLY TEAM.

BARATJOS
(Slavia 4pts)
ALEXANDER
(Hakoah 3pts)
MCKENNA
(Geo. Cross 5pts)
MICIC
(J.U.S.T. 5pts)
GLENIE
(Wilhelmina 4pts)
MARGARITES
(Hellas 5pts)
BARBAZZA
(Juventus 4pts)
JURECKI
(Vella 5pts)
BONS
(Wilhelmina 2pts)

GEORGE CROSS
(Polonia 4pts)
Other players who have scored points:
Berry, Haasz (Slavia), Azopardi, Burns (Moreland), March (Lions), Rodek (J.U.S.T.), Kenny, Frangioni (Juventus), Copeland, Falzon (George Cross), Gronowski, Dudon (Polonia), Karpousas (Hellas), Bercsi, Fekete (Melbourne), Silver, Rau (Croat), Vluegals, Van Altena (Wilhelmina), Villers, Thomas (Hakoah).

JUVENTUS FACE A TOUGH PARK DUEL

After an impressive win over Polonia last week, a confident Juventus will tangle with Hakoah at Olympic Park on Sunday writes Morrie Buckner.

For years Juventus has found Hakoah a tough nut to crack, but unless the Blues' attack improves on last week's showing against Hellas the Zebras should win.

Hakoah is badly in need of an enterprising, chance-taking centre-forward.

Villers, Haynes, Thomas, Forsyth and McQuillan (who was absent last week) all need room to manoeuvre. They are good at bringing the ball forward and making changes.

Some of them are also adept at scoring from long shots at goal. But they don't often get the chance for accurate snapshots when they are being closely marked by top-class defenders.

And Juventus has good defenders — four goals conceded in six matches is sufficient evidence of that.

Frangione is still, Frangione — enough said! And Buccos at left back is one of the soundest defenders in the State League.

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The final result will be

fast off the mark. But Hakoah's main problems lie in its attack. If it solves them, this match could go either way. If no Juventus will get the point.

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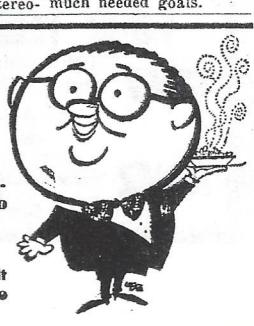
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Metropolitan round-up

Clubs are invited to phone "Onlooker", XF-6139, every Saturday between 6.30 and 10.00 p.m.

All soccer fans will join me in wishing Makedonia's centre-half Vlado Prokop a speedy recovery. He was seriously injured in the Fitzroy explosion. Recover soon, Vlado, as your team is missing your excellent play.

University claim the youngest president in Victorian soccer. Mike Taussig, who is only 21, Mike is definitely the youngest at University.

Bayswater have lost the services of first team player Egon Klaus. Egon suffered a severe knee injury and may have an operation on his cartilage.

Yet another junior is prominent in the ranks of a senior club. He is Jim Faulkner, who is displaying dashing form at right-half for the Coburg senior team. It certainly pays to foster juniors.

Heidelberg's improving showing this year is due mainly to the form of old regulars, young players and three new boys who have helped in key positions. Players who transferred to the club this year are Sandy Caipezer, (Sydney), Brian Ridewood (England) and Peter Colburn, from Second Division club Fairfield.

Bill Clements, Publicity Officer of Coburg, reports that his reserve team has not settled down yet. Coburg have been trying out many new players. This team will give an even more impressive account of itself when it forms a settled combination.

Sandringham suffered a severe loss recently when promising first team winger Russ Lakeman was transferred from Point Cook to the RAAF at Wagga Wagga. Lakeman had been starring for Sandringham and had scored many good goals.

University welcome back Frank Hohmann to the forward line after being out for two weeks due to suspension. Frank's constructive, attacking play at centre-forward has been missed.

Two players in the Brighton Reserve team were cautioned by the referee at Yallourn. One, the club secretary, and the other a committee man.

Walter Lamparter, a German boy from T.S.V. Kornitol Stuttgart, joined Heidelberg last season. He plays centre-half.

Andy McNeil is one of the veterans of Heidelberg, first playing in 1955. This Scottish player has represented Scotland in the Amateur Internationals. Played for West Scotland Amateurs before joining Concord, Sydney.

Alan Roberts joined Heidelberg in 1961 from Gladyside-Ryde, Sydney. Played two seasons of rugby with Harlequins, Melbourne. He is an Englishman who has taken the social side of the club seriously. He is a vigorous half-back.

Ex Danish player Bob Jorgensen, Croat coach, became an Australian citizen in a ceremony at the Coburg Town Hall last week.

If you belong to a Metropolitan club and you want publicity, the number to ring every SATURDAY NIGHT between 6.30 and 9.30 is XF 6139. Make a note of it. Any piece of news about your club will be welcome.

Croat goalie Ico Djukic is in brilliant form, having let only two goals pass him in five games.

MET. LEAGUES HAVE IMPROVED

By ONLOOKER

At this stage of the season we can look back and review the Federation's move to enlarge the leagues.

In all leagues there's evidence of great improvement shown by all clubs, and there's not much difference between the standard of the top and the bottom teams.

After watching State League games and Metropolitan games, I have come to the conclusion that the State League has dropped slightly in standard, while the Metropolitan standard has just about made up the leeway between the two divisions.

FIRST NORTH

Last week's most significant results were Box Hill's 2-0 win over Heidelberg, Croatia's continued run of success, Moonee Ponds' surprise win over Alexander and Sunshine City's and Maccabi's continued improvement.

Alexander must be disappointing their supporters, for over the past two weeks they have been beaten and Sicilia and Collingwood will have to strengthen their teams or they'll be travelling on a one-way ticket to the Second North.

Saturday's round looks a very interesting one.

Box Hill entertain University at Wembley Park and on their home ground the Hillmen, with White and Rae playing well in defence, should score over University.

The most exciting game could be between Moonee Ponds and Croatia at the "Swampies" ground. Moonee Ponds will really test Croatia if the conditions are heavy going.

Florentina and Maccabi meet and from this game we should be able to draw some indication of how much Maccabi have improved under coach Bill Westerveld. The hard hitting Italians should win.

Sunshine travel down the coast to meet Corio and the home team, much under-rated by me, should win.

I would like to pick Collingwood to win their first match of the season by beating Heidelberg at home, but I can't see this happening.

In the other match Alexander should return to the winning list against Sicilia.

FIRST SOUTH

Ferntree Gully's defeat by Richmond and Austria's defeat by Dandenong have allowed Sandringham, who beat Geelong 3-0, to move into second place on the ladder.

Dandenong have continued their tremendous improvement and have rapidly moved into sixth place on the ladder. Brighton have also continued their climb, while Ferntree Gully have slipped badly in the last two matches.

In Saturday's round, the six leading teams play one another.

Austria meet Richmond, Ferntree Gully are at home to Sandringham,

and Brighton plays Danong.

Anything could happen in these games, but one is certain, top soccer will be too powerful for Geelong.

SECOND NORTH

Coburg have opened up a three point lead in this division, leading Williamstown and ICI, each on nine points.

Interest now centres on the team likely to gain second place on the ladder and to accompany Coburg up into the First North.

Williamstown and ICI, although playing away from home against Essendon and St. Albans respectively, should win to keep their chances high.

In the other games N/Olympia, Liberties, Fairfield and Coburg should all win.

WWF and Seymour will have to improve considerably before they can move away from the bottom of the ladder.

SECOND SOUTH

Kensington's defeat of Triestina has plummeted them from second place to fourth on the ladder, but they are still in the promotion hunt, together with Kensington, Ringwood and Park Rangers.

All four teams look capable of winning and therefore the promotion battle will still not be clarified.

In this division, Ringwood, Park Rangers, South Yarra, Kensington, Triestina, and FND should win.

YOUR MATCH REPORTS

SANDRINGHAM-GEELONG

In a fast, open game, Sandringham's solid teamwork easily accounted for the long kicking Geelong team after an even first half.

During this half both sides showed good attacking soccer, but in the second the Geelong boys lost their heads and the capable referee was kept busy. At 70 minutes Geelong's centre-forward, Mariano, sent the ball far out of the ground and walked off. Shortly afterwards Geelong's Tonietti, who had been previously cautioned, was sent off for kicking Greenhill.

After the match the referee reported each player for allegedly insulting him.

With only nine men, Geelong's attack went down to three goals, but credit must be given to Geelong's English goalkeeper Torney, who did an excellent job.

Goalkeepers — Sandringham: Reid, Beets, Bell, Geelong: Torney and Murray.

DANEDONG-AUSTRIA

Defending scoring two goals in the first 10 minutes and their third goal came in the second half when an Austrian defender mis-kicked the ball into his own goal.

After 30 minutes the second Austrian scored the second goal when Neef scored after receiving a pass from his captain Schwarz. Dandenong immediately replied.

It was a hard and fast but fair match and the referee did a good job.

A best players for Austria: Hess, Neef and Stämpfli.

UNIVERSITY-CORIO

Corio scored two goals in the first half, both by their inside-forwards. At 50 minutes Nettleton (University) scored, but Corio went on with the job and scored twice more.

At the 70th minute University centre-forward Mike Taussig was off the ground again, and the referee ordered off the Corio right-back.

Best players: Curtis and Ellinghaus.

MANCHESTER UNITED's Matt Busby has made a £120,000 offer to Italian club Torino for Scottish inside-forward Denis Law. The United's near neighbours, Manchester City, have also offered a figure nearing £80,000 for former Hibernian centre Joe Baker, also of Torino.

SHALL WE DANCE?

Makedonia will be holding a dance in the Fitzroy Town Hall on May 13. The club extends an invitation to all. Dance starts at 7.30 p.m.

On Friday, May 18, Croatia play a dance on Saturday, May 19. All soccer players are invited to the Kensington Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m. ★

On May 19, Sandringham will be holding their first dance for the year at the Memorial Hall, Waltham Street, Sandringham, at 7.30 p.m.

A six-piece band will entertain, a liquor licence will be granted, and for 7/6 supporters should have an enjoyable night. All welcome.

Award from Gilbey's Gin

Federation officials attended a special function last week to receive another handsome trophy donated by a leading Australian company.

The company is Gilbey's Gin, and the trophy is a huge cup inscribed for the "best and fairest" player in the State League.

Gilbey's Gin directors have received Sporting Globe editor Mr Geoff Hawkesley's permission to base the voting for the trophy on the soccer writers' nominations of players that appear in the Sporting Globe each week.

UNIVERSITY SIDE

University have selected their team to travel to Queensland for the annual Australian Inter-Varsity Championships. Aldred, P. Borg, F. and A. Ellinghaus, P. Williams, Z. Zebrowski, B. Spiegel, C. Pallagi, C. Mulder, F. Homan, G. Pritchard, H. Brown, A. Foray, D. Tattersall and D. The team will leave Saturday week. They will play against teams representing Brisbane, Armidale, Sydney NSW (Tech.), Canberra, Adelaide and Monash University.

Managing director of Gilbey's, Mr H. Cresby Hucks, in handing the trophy to Federation president Mr Harry Dockerty and chairman Mr Theo Marmaris, said: "We are proud to be able to support a growing sport here in Melbourne, a sport that is making progress in every capital city in all States throughout Australia".

The Gilbey's trophy will be awarded annually, with a smaller replica given to the winner.

YOUR BROADCASTS

"SPOTLIGHT ON SOCCER"

3KZ Every Friday, 7.15-7.45 p.m. with Stuart Beaton, Alex Barr and Jim Cook

"SPORTING ROUND-UP"

3KZ Every Friday at 6.30 p.m. with Alex Barr

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SOCER MAN'S DIARY

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By DON SUTHERLAND

THE SUBJECT OF whether T.V. stations should be permitted to televise soccer matches has frequently been the subject of considerable discussion by State League clubs recently. A.B.V. Channel 2, good friends of soccer, have been granted permission to televise the game Juventus v George Cross at Olympic Park on Saturday week, May 19, and this experiment will be closely watched to see what, if any, effect this should have on attendances.

The publicity value to be gained from "live" telecasting of important Soccer matches would be tremendous for the sport as a whole. However, in the short-term the effect on the home team's "gate" could be considerable and this factor will have to be carefully considered. It seems reasonable to assume that if the regular telecasting of soccer were to provide good entertainment for many thousands of viewers, as it surely would, then the T.V. stations allowed to telecast a game should pay a reasonable fee for the privilege, which would give compensation to the "home" club concerned for any loss in gate receipts which it might suffer.

ONE ASPECT which will bear consideration is that if games were televised on Saturdays, and frequent references were made during the telecast to the game of the day to be played on the Sunday, then this should certainly increase Sunday attendances to a considerable degree. Such an increase in Sunday "gates" may well justify the creation of a percentage of Sunday "gates" to be placed in a "pool" for the purpose of compensating clubs being featured on the Saturdays. At this juncture, it is probably sufficient to summarise by saying that the regular telecasting of soccer would be a tremendous boost to the game in general, but that many factors must be considered and ironed out before this could become reality.

MY RECENT reference to the forthcoming meeting of Metropolitan League clubs drew comment from a well-respected and long-standing writer for soccer, Lt.-Commander Jack Belbin, popular secretary of Flinders Naval Depot soccer teams. In case Mr Belbin was not the F.N.D. delegate at the meeting of metropolitan league clubs called by the Federation at the Federal Hotel on January 25, at which the present Metropolitan League members were elected to the then Committee of Management, I will briefly outline the proceedings. In response to a query, which I believe came from Mr Barclay, of F.N.D., the meeting was asked whether the members were to be elected temporarily or for the full season. The meeting voted firmly in favor of full-term appointments, but as chairman of the section of the meeting I did express my personal opinion that whilst the election would take place on a full-term basis, it would be both reasonable and sensible to place the whole election before a full meeting of all metropolitan league clubs at a later date, if full unity were subsequently achieved. This meeting is now to be held and all clubs can be assured that proper election will be held without pressure or "manoeuvres". The recent dispute should be put behind us and we must press forward with mutual trust and co-operation. I fully agree with Mr Belbin that the election of the Metropolitan League Management Committee must also take place without delay and that thought must be given to the widest possible representations on this committee, which should hold meetings at regular intervals.

ONE OF THE disappointing features of the current season is the fact that none of the Geelong teams in the metropolitan competition has emerged as a possible contender for promotion to the State League. Geelong, the largest provincial city in Victoria, should be capable of producing a top-class soccer team and the sport would benefit from a broadening of its interests. Croatia, who now lead the 1st Division North, formerly played in Geelong, but their transfer to Melbourne, where they are sharing the ground at Maribyrnong Speedway with Polonia, has left a big gap. A most unfortunate result of Croatia's move to Melbourne is that all the remaining Geelong clubs, namely Geelong, Corio, Bell Park and Geelong Scottish, are all drawn away one week and all home the next. Soccer followers in Geelong thus can see only one of these clubs every second week and the local support must be divided between them on their "home" days. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to change the fixture positions until next season.

A POPULAR FIGURE in State League circles, Mr Jim Demetrie, of South Melbourne-Hellas, is going overseas this week. As his club's delegate to Council, Jim Demetrie has always been outspoken in the cause of justice and his colorful personality will be missed in Council circles while he is overseas. The State League Management Committee, through its chairman, Mr Michael Weinstein, made a presentation of a travelling case to Mr Demetrie at the last council meeting as token of their respect and good wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip — we are all pleased to join with them in saying "Au revoir."



CENTRE-HALF IS SACKED !

The Moonee Ponds v. Alexander game was abandoned by the referee last Saturday with the home team winning 1-0. The referee was allegedly attacked in the 78th minute by players. Alexander committee on Sunday night suspended their centre-half. Action is pending against another player. The Disciplinary Committee will deal with several players named in the referee's report at tonight's meeting.

Winner of the Soccer Half Hour quiz on 3KZ at 6.15 last Saturday evening was Mr Rudlaski, of 670 Malvern Road, Prahran. He received Tatis ticket number 106182 in Draw No. 1187.

Juventus goalkeeper Martin Beurcht was not between the sticks when the Zebras played Polonia last Saturday. Juventus officials said he was sick with influenza. Our spies said he wasn't. There could be more in this than meets the eye!

Morrice Buckner, our Associate Editor, has been criticised on several occasions for not selecting certain "best players on the field" in various matches. He says that, even where a player has been of particular use to his side in a match, he will not get a mention in his list of "best players" if he indulges in silly, spiteful play in an otherwise good performance.

The Referees' Association claims that it is short of good referees. Well, to put a man of Luigi Cadelli's calibre on as a linesman on a Saturday, soccer's busy day, certainly can't help to solve their problems.

It's time that soccer commentators checked up a little more closely on their facts. Frank Barbazza has an injured wrist, NOT a chipped collarbone. And Edmund Zientara did NOT arrive at Olympic Park in that helicopter. He was on the field waiting for a pretty girl to arrive by air to present him with flowers, a greeting — and a big kiss!

Police last Saturday were investigating theories that two people were murdered to obtain FA Cup final tickets in England. The theory that Albert "Buster" Crabbe, who was found dead in a



burnt out store at Grays, Essex, was murdered for this reason was first advanced by a friend of Crabbe's. We heard reports that 50/- tickets for the final were being sold for £50 over there, but MURDER, well, that's too much!

TRUTH reporters "covered" the J.U.S.T. v. Slavia State League match last Saturday. Wonder if they're going to continue the "VFL War on Soccer" nonsense?

To bring the Wilhelmina and Slavia clubs in line with other State League clubs in the table, why not play that April 21 match as a curtain raiser at Olympic Park on a Sunday?

Soccer Weekly reporter Duncan McDougall has been appointed an independent member of the Disciplinary Committee.

North Sunshine Junior Soccer Club hold an international dance at Lower Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday, June 2. Every club is invited to enter a girl in their "Princess of Junior Soccer" competition which they are organising at the dance. From the proceeds a donation will be given to the "Yorrala" appeal for crippled children. Contact Don John (26-5309) for information.

Confusion reigned in the Olympic Park press room last weekend when a team-sheet listing players of a certain club was handed to the boys. No less than six positions were switched by the team before they took the field and no club official had the incentive to notify the Press. Officials should be more cooperative with the Press when making last-minute changes.

BE BRIEF

Readers are asked to be brief when writing to the Editor.

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We have received many letters this week on the subject of Alex Barr on the GTV9 Tony Charlton show.

"To be or not to be" has been the trend of all correspondence. But as our letters have been written by soccer people all have been 100 per cent for more soccer and less Rules on this show.

Here is one of the letters:

SIR.—As a viewer of the Tony Charlton Show on Sunday I was shocked at the remark made by Mr Charlton to Alex Barr that he requested extra time for soccer.

Mr Barr, I'm sure, would be delighted to accept an invitation to roadcast from other channels on behalf of soccer as we know there are many people who appreciate this sport as well as Rules.

Mr Charlton may well find that many who tolerate

him now to obtain soccer scores would not bother to view his program if he did not provide this service.

—David Potamidis, Denmark Street, Kew.

SIR.—At the risk of being ridiculed, I am going to make suggestions to try to get more publicity for soccer as I feel something strong must be organised.

Yes, I appreciate what is being done and I am also aware of some of the difficulties, having been battling in a modest way for 33 years in this country to foster soccer.

Some of the suggestions which I thought might be useful, although not denying they might have been thought of by others, I myself now refuse to buy either the

"Sun" or the "Herald", and if buyer resistance be organised on a large scale by those interested in soccer the game might get a better go from these two papers. Much could be done by clubs through their members or by regional committees.

I think "Soccer Weekly" is worth more than a shilling to soccer followers, but we are trying to get soccer over to those who do not follow the game, and these persons might be tempted to buy one if they were cheaper.

I would suggest certain slogans phrased so that juniors themselves can counter the many Australian Rules can put over.

The soccer administration could get cheap label buttons for the boys to wear in their coats, one with just a soccer ball on it would identify them as soccer players. Clubs could buy them to distribute to their juniors.

I suppose there are many more ideas, but something will have to be done or Australian Rules will crush soccer.

—W. BOWMAN, 24 Hyde St., Deer Park.

Congratulations to the editor and staff of the official magazine of Victoria "Soccer Weekly", which is one of the best for its content for every soccer lover and soccer fan.

The Victorian Soccer Federation, with its new administration and with the excellent publication "Soccer Weekly" is a great success, for the progress of the game and for the progress of Victorian Soccer in general.

Metropolitan clubs are progressing more than ever before, and they will be more happy if they see the big promise which was given to them at one of the "war" meetings.

"Curtain raisers at Olympic Park, on Sunday afternoon only and subject to ground conditions will be played by metropolitan clubs."

Please let the metropolitan clubs know when this big promise to them will start.

A. R. SMITH, 19 Keon Parade, Reservoir.

SIR.—Re letter in Soccer Weekly by John C. Risches (referee). I quite agree with him when he suggests that the rules of the game be published in Soccer Weekly, but I do not think he is right when he says a player is offside if he is in line.

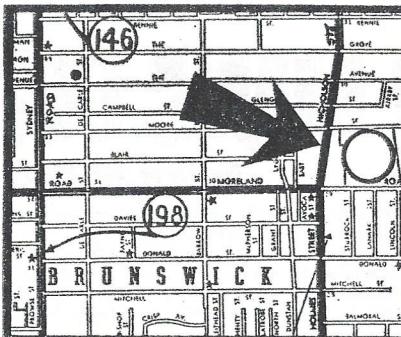
How can a referee work as fine as that; you would have to use a tape measure to be correct; and that is impossible in soccer; you are not playing bowls.

I maintain the player must be distinctly nearer the goal line than the back before he is given offside.

A referee is only guessing if he tries to work so fine, and is the cause of a lot of bad decisions on the offside rule.

—John W. Gill, 22 Gray St., East Geelong.

— Your request is granted. See page 7. Editor.



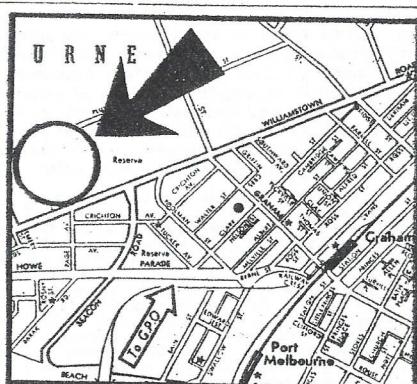
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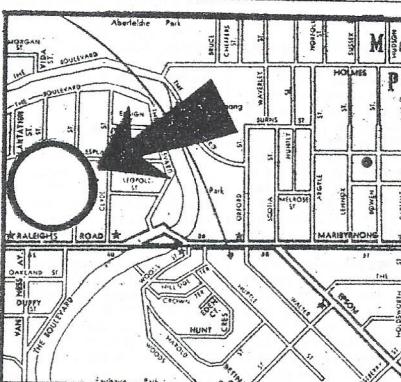


POLONIA v Lions

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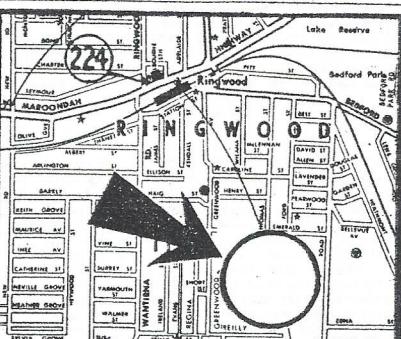


WILHELMINA v Croat

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TRAIN: To Ringwood, then walk across railway ramp and follow Greenway Avenue.



JUNIOR WINNING RUN HALTED

South Melbourne under-14's were held to a 1-1 draw by Melbourne. In the first five minutes Hamilton, in a solo effort, opened the scoring for South, writes Albert Merrills.

Melbourne then came into the game with little Mick Manson starring in the forward line.

In the second half, Melbourne equalised from a penalty converted by Soveny. Their best player was goalkeeper Horvath. Best for South: Davis, Kurta and goalie Mayer.

Hakoah under-18's beat Wilhelmina 3-0. First goal being scored in three minutes.

Against the run of play Francies scored Hakoah's second goal, and two minutes later G. Lianardos made it three.

Wilhelmina improved and they gave Hakoah's

goalie T. Lianardos some anxious moments but their luck was out. A penalty by Teeuw was well saved. Samadol was Wilhelmina's best forward.

A strong wind spoilt the keen, clean match between Sandringham City and South Melbourne under-16's.

Sandringham's team work was the key factor in their 2-0 win. South Melbourne, with a strong wind, attacked, but Van Der Helm, Percy and Madeley stopped Postkopolous and Marinos, until McFarlane scored another opportunist goal for Sandringham.

In the second half Sandy failed to use the wind as Hellas showed a keen packed defence, until Zamanos broke through and beat four opponents. Sandringham Best.

Information can be obtained from Mr C. Kobza, 19 Holehouse Street, Nth Sunshine, or Mr D. Joiner, secretary of the Junior Association.

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ZIELINSKI TO QUIT HOSPITAL

George Cross forward Horst Zielinski, who broke a leg while playing against Moreland, is expected to leave Royal Melbourne Hospital today.

TONY VELLA WITH LIONS

Tony Vella, former captain-coach of George Cross and Victoria left-half, is reported to have been transferred to Lions Tuesday. He will be playing-coach with Lions and will take the field against Polonia at Maribyrnong on Saturday, officials say.

CASE OF THE MISSING GOALKEEPERS

FOCUS ON OPINION

ALEX BARR (Spotlight on Soccer, 3KZ, Friday at 7.15): "Victoria is the State which must be superior in soccer because this is where it is needed most. With such strong Aussie Rules opposition as we have in Melbourne, our State side must be the best. We can't allow our State side to be weak."

VIC MANSON, Secretary Melbourne S.C.: "Now that our team has recovered from injuries we will start to consolidate. Just watch Melbourne during the next few weeks of the State League competition."

GEORGE CROSS REVIEW: "If you want to criticise do so by all means, but be constructive in your criticism, that is, of course, if you are proud to be a George Cross follower."

VIC OLIVER, world-famous stage and TV star: "The names of hundreds of footballers appear on the 'tree lists' of the English and Scottish clubs at the end of every season. I am sure that, if their passage to Australia was arranged and jobs guaranteed, dozens of good footballers of Second Division grade, and even First Division Reserve standard, would be happy to come to Melbourne. They could be of great help in lifting the standard of Victorian football."

MORRIE BUCKNER, Sun soccer writer: "The secrecy in the Argus Best-and-Fairest Medal set-up neither helps the sport on the field, nor does it get for soccer the extra paragraphs of publicity that the competition could get and which the game needs so badly. With all the players trying hard to increase their published points, they play the game cleaner and better — we had plenty of evidence of that a few years ago when progress points of the Argus Medal voting were made public every week. Victoria can do two things to match Sydney's wonderful prize of a motor car for its Best-and-Fairest Player. First, let's cut out the secrecy connected with the Argus Medal. Secondly, let's organise a worthwhile prize for the winner in addition to the medal — how about a trip to Europe? — one that will make the players strive as hard as they can to play cleaner and better football."

B. BOSMANS, 9 Heatherton Rd., Clayton: Congratulations to 3KZ for their new soccer sessions — "Spotlight on Soccer" Friday evenings and "Soccer Half Hour" on Saturday evenings. Thanks very much for these well conducted programs.

Stuart Beaton and Jim Cook have a very interesting half hour and handle it with great skill. Fred Villiers, Morrie Buckner and Stan Stacey are doing a very fine job and a popular one. The results given by Stan Stacey last Saturday were excellent. Clear, straight and pleasantly voiced. Much better than all his predecessors in other programs last year. Tuning in now more often to 3KZ means a lot more pleasure and satisfaction.

Vic Oliver at the Park

Vic Oliver, the world-famous comedian, musician, radio personality, and TV and stage star, was a guest of the Victorian Soccer Federation at Olympic Park last Sunday.

He was accompanied by his stage assistant, Miss Vanda Vale.

They have been invited to come again on Sunday by Hakoah, who will be playing a "home" game at the Park against Juventus.

Mr Oliver is vice-president of the Brentford Football Club in England. He has been connected

with the club for the past 23 years.

He was born in Vienna, played soccer in his teens, and was selected as an under-17 international.

He forsook football for tennis and music, and became a first-class violinist and orchestra leader. Later still, he turned to acting, then comedy, on radio and the stage.

For years, Mr Oliver was the star and producer of one of England's most successful TV shows — Juventus.

He is here on a "business-holiday" during which he will make several TV and floor-show appearances.

Where were the seven regular goalkeepers of State League clubs Wilhelmina, Juventus, J.U.S.T., Moreland, George Cross and South Melbourne-Hellas last weekend?

They were: Van Altena, Beurcht, Vitti, Rosanic, Azzopardi, Hobson and Karpousas respectively, all well-known keepers to the regular fans.

Some were dropped by their team selectors, others failed to turn up for their games and the remainder were replaced by reserve goalies.

Azzopardi was dropped from Moreland's line-up, ex-Box Hill keeper Suttie took his place and reports say that Suttie did a good job.

George Karpousas, of Sth Melbourne-Hellas, al-

so was missing but he had a good excuse — he was getting married on Sunday.

Penzo played his part in Hellas' win over Hakoah.

Hobson, of George Cross, was due to arrive from Sydney, but a telegram late on Friday said he had to travel to Queensland.

Jim Davis, the former Hakoah and J.U.S.T. player, did everything expected of him (except a penalty goal) in helping the Cross beat Melbourne 5-1.

Juventus were nearly in trouble when Beurcht failed to show up for their home game against Polonia. A taxi was sent

for reserve goalie Vitti, but that player was home in bed with 'flu'. Colla was outstanding for the Italians in their great win.

Van Altena, of Wilhelmina, received a shoulder injury shortly after half-time against Moreland. Veteran Janssen replaced him to keep the Dutch goal intact.

Finally Rosanic, of J.U.S.T., was stricken with a bad bout of hay fever in the middle of their game against Slavia. He withdrew and was replaced by Jankovic, who carried on the good work of stopping Slavia.

All the clubs concerned breathed sighs of relief when their games were over.

MATTHEWS FLIES IN — AND OUT!

From Our Special Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday.— Stanley Matthews left England for Israel, where he'll play four games for the Tel Aviv club Maccabi.

Matthews returned last week from Bermuda, where he played and managed a Gloucestershire team.

Two Canadian club officials flew to London two days ago to try to persuade the League Management Committee to allow professionals to join their clubs during the English summer recess.

The officials were told that a ban was imposed by FIFA on temporary transfers and that the league was bound to enforce it.

So it was very costly and a wasted trip for the Canadians, who returned home empty handed.

This was the price the Canadians had to pay for the privilege of being a member of FIFA.

It could never have happened to Australians as they are no longer members of the international body. Aussies do not ask permission for anything, instead, they take action to suit their requirements.

When I asked an influential English official if there is a hope of FIFA lifting the ban on Australia, he said: "Australians are better off outside FIFA."

Before leaving for Israel, Matthews resigned for Stoke at an increased basic wage.

I tried to get Stanley by telephone several times but the same old voice kept telling me the same old thing — "Mr Matthews is away for the week and should be back next week."

I wonder if next week will ever come!

SLAVIA IN TROUBLE

It was reported on Tuesday that Slavia has again been hit by serious injuries. According to the report, both Bill Cook and Karl Angstenberger have bone breaks near the ankle in plaster casts. If this is added to another report that left-winger Kicas is transferred to Alexander, it would appear that Slavia will be left with only two senior forwards, Haasz and Drida, when it meets Melbourne on Saturday.

YOUR RESULTS
State League results will be broadcast on 3AK at 4.45 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

LOOK OUT FOR BILL VOJTEK!

Croatia Soccer Club are full of praise for young player Bill Vojtek, who has made the big step from under-18 junior to senior football in a few months.

Playing at inside-right, the club rate him as their biggest find from junior football in their history.

Croatia are leading the First Division North with an undefeated record and they say that Vojtek is one of the reasons for their good goal scoring record.

Vojtek is still going through the youth stages of appearing tall and gangling in his physical build, but has shown on the field his feet and football brain are years ahead of his body by the way he shoots, traps and passes the ball to his team-mates.

Arriving from Europe five years ago, Vojtek played with the Essendon under-14s, then under-18s until last year.

He scored over 50 goals for Essendon in one season, and represented the Victorian



under-18 team four times.

Liked by his club mates for his bright personality and colorful play, Vojtek is tipped to be a good player for the club for many years.

We wish him and Croatia every success for the future.

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